



## **Judge Robert N. Davis**

### **United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims**

Judge Davis was appointed by the President of the United States as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims on December 4, 2004.

Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Robert N. Davis was a full tenured professor of law at Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida. He joined the Stetson law faculty in August 2001 after teaching for thirteen years at the University of Mississippi School of Law where he was a tenured full professor. He has also held teaching positions at the University of South Florida, Georgetown University Law Center, the University of Memphis, and Washington and Lee University. He has taught in summer programs at the University of Hawaii, Downing College, Cambridge University, England, Estonia and has lectured at Makerere University School of Law in Uganda, Africa and at the University of Papua New Guinea.

Judge Davis has taught constitutional law, administrative law, national/international security law, alternative dispute resolution, terrorism/counter-terrorism and international and domestic sports law. He is the founder of the Journal of National Security Law, and has held positions of leadership with the American Bar Associations' Standing Committee on Law and National Security, the Federalist Society and the American Association of Law Schools. He has authored numerous articles on a variety of subjects including a recent article published by the Brooklyn Journal of International Law entitled: "Striking the Balance: National Security vs. Civil Liberties." He has been a frequent commentator on local television, radio and newspapers regarding national security, terrorism, constitutional law and elections issues. While teaching in Mississippi, he was appointed by the Governor as a Mississippi Commissioner to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Judge Davis has extensive experience as an arbitrator and mediator with the American Arbitration Association. He was a mediator with the United States Postal Service and was an arbitration panel member with the United States Olympic Committee. Judge Davis is an active member of the United States Navy Reserves and was recalled to active duty after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. He was assigned to the Joint Intelligence Directorate at MacDill Airforce Base, Tampa, Florida.

Judge Davis graduated from the University of Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut in 1975 and the Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. in 1978. He practiced as an appellate attorney for five years with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Washington, D.C. Thereafter, Judge Davis spent four years with the United States Department of Education, Washington, D.C., in the business and administrative law division. Judge Davis also briefly served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia as part of a federal agency exchange program.

Judge Davis is an avid sportsman and naturalist enjoying a variety of sports and hobbies including birdwatching, hiking, biking, swimming, camping, tennis, golf and fencing. He enjoys traveling and speaks elementary Spanish and German.